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## Helen Donovan Queen

### SPARDI GRAS RULER CHOOSES HERB PETTY 'KING FOR A DAY'; LINDEMAN, REED ATTENDANTS

Miss Helen Donovan, junior commerce major, will be "Her Majesty the Queen of 1942 Spardi Gras," it was announced by the long, election judge, late last night. Not even the Queen was aware that she had been chosen to reign over tomorrow's festivities late yesterday afternoon.

In the closest race of any Spardi Gras election, Miss Donovan emerged triumphant over Miss Tilde Lindeman by the extremely narrow margin of three votes. The final tally was Miss Donovan 346, Miss Lindeman 343, and Miss Jane Reed 193.

Herb Petty, aeronautics major from Palo Alto, now taking a secondary flying course in Nevada. Petty is a past president of Sigma Gamma Omega and former vice-president of the class.

Miss Lindeman, a junior commerce major from San Jose, will be one of the attendants and chosen as her escort Orren Turner, past president of Gamma Sigma. Turner is an industrial major from Sacramento. Lindeman is a Sappho.

Miss Reed, a sophomore general secretary major of San Jose, will be the second attendant with Al Guetling as her escort. Guetling is a junior from Merced. He is a member of Delta Sigma Gamma and chairman of the Contest Committee.

### Red Cross To Get Half Of Profits

Fifty per cent of all profits from Spardi Gras concessions will be donated to the Red Cross detachment of the Faculty Senate Council.

The donation plan was presented by Don DeVoss, head of the Student Defense Council of San Jose State college, and was given a unanimous vote by the Spardi Gras concession managers.



HELEN DONOVAN

## Gala Holiday Spirit Pervades Campus As Long Anticipated Spring Festival Becomes A Reality

By JOHN HOWE

With the gala holiday spirit pervading the campus, the long anticipated Spardi Gras of 1942 has finally become a reality. The all-day funfest began at 6 o'clock this morning with the Breakfast dance in the Women's gym and will end when the last strains of the orchestra fade away at tonight's Spardi Gras dance in the Men's gym.

A day of feasting and frolics, during which students throw over all things pertaining to school work and don the jester's robes to indulge in a rousing bit of merrymaking. Spardi Gras, patterned after the famous spring festival of New Orleans, is the highlight of the spring quarter here at San Jose State college.

The annual frolic had its beginning 14 years ago and has been growing in size and scope every year with the present Spardi Gras celebration expected to overshadow all others. With the organizations putting up some thirty concessions and the local merchants generously donating prizes to be awarded in the contests sponsored by the Spardi Gras committee, it is expected that Sparta's inmates will enjoy immensely the holiday planned for them.

There will be an important meeting at which the queen, king, escorts and attendants, Student council members and Spartan Knights are requested to be present, according to Deny Morrissey. It is to be held in Room 51 at 12 noon.

Following the Breakfast dance there will be classes as usual from 8 to 12 o'clock.

The royal procession, consisting of the king and queen, the attendants and their escorts, members of the Student council and Spartan Knights, acting as guards of honor, will start from the south end of the quad at 12:30 and proceed to the official platform where Emcee Tommy Taylor will introduce them to the student body. Immediately after the procession, the coronation will take place with Dr. William Poytress officiating.

At 12:45 Don True, student body president, will officially open the concessions. From 3:30 to 4:30 the traditional Spardi Gras contests will be held with any student body member eligible to enter. The concessions will close at 4:45 so that students will have time to witness the mammoth struggle that is anticipated when the Freshmen and Sophomores tangle in the tug-of-war contest.

From 5:30 to 6:30 the traditional bean feed in the rear quad will be held for those who wish to eat on the campus. A nominal fee of fifteen cents will be charged. If there is rain during the afternoon, the supper will be held in the Women's gym. The Spardi Gras dance, featuring the sweet music of Maurice Anger, will end the funfest.

Ken Stephens, Social Affairs committee chairman, asks that the person who took the picture of vocalist Doris Hopkins from the poster in the Co-op please return it. The picture is the personal property of Miss Hopkins and is very valuable.

# 1942

### SPARDI GRAS BOOTHS HAVE DIVERSIFIED ATTRACTIONS

By JACK LONG

I hope that everyone brought plenty of dough with him today, or knows where he can lay hands on some in a hurry. Everyone is going to want to take a fling at those booths and there must be all of 30 or more.

Personally, I want to spend a little of that "folding lettuce" in the Sigma Gamma Omega ducking tank. I don't know what it is but it sounds as though it might be a lot of fun.

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### ANGER PLAYS SWEET SWING FOR DANCE TONIGHT IN GYM

By BEE LAURENCE

Strains of the sweet style rhythm of Maurice Anger will emanate from the Men's gym tonight when Spardi Gras crowds gather to top off the day's celebration with an evening of dancing.

Costumes will be replaced by sports wear; participants in the whiskerino contest will be minus their beards; and the Queen and King will resume their status of typical college

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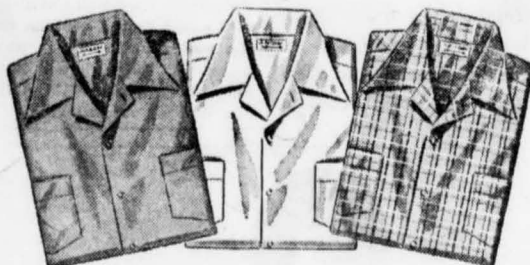
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Emcee Tommy Taylor looks doubtful as Ed Waite tries to get his foot into the shoe used for the big foot contest. Yep, even a size 14 is too tight.



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Dr. Raymond Barry and Mrs. Florence Bryant stroke the prize-winning beard produced last year by Ernest Luke while Dee Portal looks envious. It's even longer than the fur on his raccoon coat.



It may be wet out there, but Spardi Gras spirit isn't dampened. Students huddle under umbrellas while they wait in line for dinner.

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12:30—Procession of  
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12:35—Coronation  
12:45—Official opening  
3:30- 4:30—Contests  
Whiskering  
Pie Eating  
Cinderella  
Best Dressed  
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Best Decorated  
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Milk Drinking  
4:45—Concessions Open  
5:00- 5:30—Frost-Song  
5:30- 6:30—Bean Feat  
9:00- 1:00—Spartan Games

SPARDI GRA  
NOVEL PRIZ

Prizes that range from glasses and scrapbooks to a Spardi Gras contest. The Quad from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. First to be judged is the \$15 adult jeweler. A western-cut diamond will also be given to the heaviest growth. The swimming trunks, a hat and two shaves will be at the most unusual beauty by Gordon's Sport Shop. Sainte Claire Barber Shop.

Two pairs of shoes donated as prizes in the elia contest by Kirby's and the Fashion Boots books donated by L. Powell's stationery store given for the best food ment booths. The winner milk drinking contest was a belt and San Jose Sh



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## SPARD PROGRAM

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:00-12:00—Classes  
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the Spartan Knights of Honor  
:35—Coronation  
:45—Official opening sessions by Don True  
:30- 4:30—Contests  
Whiskerino  
Pie Eating  
Cinderella  
Best Dressed Male  
“ “ Female  
“ “ Warden  
“ “ Mayor  
“ “ Fire Chief  
Best Decorated House  
“ “ Booth  
Milk Drinking  
:45—Concessions Open  
00- 5:30—Frost-Snap  
:30- 6:30—Bean Festival (Women's gym if raining), 15c  
00- 1:00—Spartan Games

WARDI GRANTS FEATURE  
NOVEL PRIZWINNERS

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Miss Tilde Lindeman, runner-up in Spardi Gras Queen election, is attendant in 1942 Royal Party. She is a Sappho.



Miss Jane Reed, member of Ero Sophian, who was elected attendant to the 1942 Spardi Gras Queen, Helen Donovan.



Georgette Bayless knows what it means when people speak of the "hot seat." Guess it's not too bad.

### TICKET BOOTH

Tickets for all concessions must be bought at the ticket booth and turned in at the individual concessions, announces Spardi Gras chairman, Denny Morrissey. No cash will be accepted at the booths or concessions, only tickets.

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## HISTORY OF SPARDI GRAS GOES 'WAY BACK TO '29 WHEN THERE WERE REAL BUMS ON CAMPUS

By BILL MORROW

The first Spardi Gras in the history of San Jose State college came into being as a college tradition on February 22, 1929.

Previous to that year there had been Derby Days, Bum's Days, and a Leap Year Frolic in 1928, but the idea of an annual carnival day, with concessions and costumes, culminated all these impromptu affairs into the one Spardi Gras that San Jose students have celebrated for the past 14 years.

## WEAR A COSTUME

That the students in 1929 "went" for the idea in a big way was proven by the arrival of some on bonafide horses and moth-eaten donkeys. Classrooms played host to roosters, skunks, and other barnyard animals throughout the day.

The records reveal that so authentic were the costumes, which included the usual number of "hobo outfits," that a genuine transient mingled in the festivities to the extent of actually getting himself served with the beans and coffee offered to the celebrating students.

## PATRONIZE CONCESSIONS

By 1931, Spardi Gras had been more smoothly organized and acted as a climax to a La Torre-Spardi Gras week sponsored by the yearbook staff to promote its popularity. The Western Newsreel Company took action pictures of the carnival activities, which were shown in downtown San Jose theaters. A dance that evening finished off the day's celebrating.

The addition of Spartan Revelries for the first time came in 1934, and all Spardi Gras days since then (with the exception of this year) have followed much the same scheme of presentation, with a whiskerino contest, an exhibition football game, concessions, a 6 o'clock free feed, and a dance in the evening.

**WEAR A COSTUME**

1936 saw the first campus appearance of the immortal bearskin coat, modeled by Dee Portal, and topped off with a "character" hat; a costume that has become as traditional as Spardi Gras itself.

A half-hour broadcast of the Revelries show over station KQW highlighted the 1937 activities, under the direction of Jim Bailey.

## PATRONIZE CONCESSIONS

Prizes for unique costuming were first presented in 1938, and faculty members Dee Portal, Doc Newby and Mrs. Hayes vied for top honors.

The Spardi Gras days which have followed since enlarged each year, with the two-show presentations of the Spartan Revelries, and the all-afternoon carnival, topped off with the usual student body dance at night.



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# The Dark And Bloody Ground Had Nothing On The Freshman-Soph Mix-Up When Portal Was A Kid

By WALLY TRABING

With wild rumors of sophomores who threaten to grease the frosh end of the rope and of freshmen who promise to make a mudhole out of the sophomore's pulling side, the traditional Spardi Gras tug-o-war will occur for the honor of the historic shield this afternoon at 5 o'clock on the San Carlos turf.

The shield has an interesting history. Back about 1929, the frosh and soph were pulling each other back and forth through an immense mud hole. However, the administration wanted to plant some grass in the quad. Dee Portal, then student body president, suggested that the class line up on each side of a flagpole and make a dash for a shield that was fastened about 15 feet up a greased pole.

## WEAR A COSTUME

The idea was taken up and at the signal the two classes converged upon the pole but no one could scale it. Suddenly, through the crowd, came a flying wedge of freshmen bearing little Leon, now secretary of the State Committee of Bar Examiners. Reaching the pole, they flung him up to the shield. For a moment he hung, then dropped into the churning mass, and according to Dee Portal wasn't seen again for about an hour. The moment the shield was dropped into the fighting mass, there began the fiercest mob battle ever seen in the history of Washington Square.

## PATRONIZE CONCESSIONS

Dr. MacQuarrie and Dr. DeVoss pleaded with Portal to do something. Finally a fire hose was applied but it only made the scene a slushing mudhole. A freshman managed to get the shield into a car, and the battle ended in a running auto chase, leaving behind one broken collar bone and a broken arm among the most serious injuries. Somehow, five freshmen rushed the shield to the Anglo-California Bank and locked it in a safe deposit box.

## No Bomb, No Boom

With the fanfare of three trumpets and the pealings of the bells from the historic tower, Spardi Gras day will be officially ushered in at 12:30 today, and a Spardi Gras tradition will be broken.

For the first time in the history of the 14-year-old festival there will be no bomb fired. Yes, the War Productions Board has banned the sale of powder, and hence, no bomb for Spardi Gras.

## What's Doing

**Canterbury Club:** Mr. Max Watson, adult probation officer, will speak at the regular Sunday meeting at 6:15 o'clock. All college students are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in Trinity Parish house at Second and St. John streets.

**Freshman Fellows:** Report to San Carlos turf today at 5 o'clock for our tug-of-war with the sophomores.

**Health office** before 1 o'clock Monday. No equipment will be issued unless okayed from Health office. Football equipment will be issued at 3 o'clock Friday, May 8.

**Extravaganza Cast:** The assignments for "Growing Pains" and "Westward Ho" will be made this Saturday. Please be at the pool at 2 o'clock.—Gail Tucker.

Those who have camp jobs for the summer please notify Dr. Palmer in the Women's gym.

## Booths Offer Entertainment

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Something else I want to do is throw eggs. I have been told that the best place on the campus for that is the booth run by Alpha Pi Omega.

## WEAR A COSTUME

Next to ducking people and egg-throwing, I like to eat. There is so much to eat and so many places on the campus to buy eats, that for once both my tapeworms and I are going to get full. I think my liquid refreshments will come from booths operated by Spartan Knights, Mary Post Co-op and Sappho.

Victuals of a more solid nature are dispensed by Spartan Spears, Beta Gamma Chi, Delta Gamma, Women P. E. Majors, Delta Beta Sigma, Phi Kappa Pi, and the YWCA. Gee! After I eat at all those places I'm not only going to be full, but sick.

## WEAR A COSTUME

I've always been a sucker for grab-bags too. That means that I'll drop a little more change in the Smoek and Tam concession. If I get by the Lambda Gamma Alpha dart throw, the Delta Theta Omega "Jig," and the Entomology club tricycle race without spending a little more dough, it will be only because I am sick.

But if I'm not sick I'll buy balloons with gas in them, drum sticks from Kappa Kappa Sigma, chips in Spartan Hall's roulette game, and go to the Sociology club movies.

I would like to eat tamales at the Gamma Phi Sigma booth, bowl duck pins at the Zeta Chi stall, and get in on the basketball sponsored by the YMCA, and the Junior class baseball throw, but by then I won't even have my "Indian Head" penny, so I guess I'll have to stop.

Anyone interested in working Monday with his car may contact Dean Pitman today. Pay will be \$5 and expenses. Includes about six hours' work.

## Gals!

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## GAY SETTINGS TYPIFY DANCE TONIGHT AT 9

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students.

## PATRONIZE CONCESSIONS

The gay atmosphere of Spardi Gras will be carried out in the decorations for the dance. Crepe paper ranging from brilliant yellow to the softer tones of blue and green will hang in streamers from the ceiling. Artificial flowers around the walls will act as a complement typifying a Maytime theme.

Vocalists with the orchestra are Doris Hopkins and Jim Miller, recognized as the top performers at University of California. Anger will be featured at the piano in several novelty numbers. Unusual entertainment by all members of the band is promised. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 o'clock.

## Diphtheria Shots

Today the second diphtheria shots are being given in the Health office. This is the second of the series, and the third cannot be taken unless today's appointment is fulfilled. This is absolutely the last chance for those to take the second shots. Immunizations will be given between 11 and 1 o'clock.

Coach Winter announces that the team will train Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Spartan Field. There will be a track meeting Monday night.

## TRACKSTERS TRAVEL TO BERKELEY FOR PAA CHAMPIONSHIPS TOMORROW; READY FOR FRESNO

The greatest track team in the history of San Jose State college journeys to Edwards Field in Berkeley tomorrow enter the Pacific Association Championships.

The squad is not looking forward to victory over the University of California or Olympic club teams, however, they are acquiring needed competition for the dual meet with the Fresno State college Bulldogs

Tuesday afternoon on Spartan Field.

Bill Smith, San Jose 100 yard star, will head the Spartan thin-clads. The duel between Smith and Harold Davis of California in the century dash has gained nationwide attention and will be the most closely watched race of the afternoon.

## KNOWLES FAVORED

Thelmo Knowles is favored to win the half mile dash as Grover Klemmer, California star, is laid up with a leg injury and will not compete. Knowles is rated one of the best 880 men in the country.

Frank Minini should be things his own way in the shot as his only serious competitors the Pacific Coast are Ed Stanford of Stanford and Merritt of U. Neither will be entered in PAA.

## COWLES AND RHYNE

Omar Cowles and Bill Rhynes expected to garner points in PAA as their fast times are enough to grab either a second third. Cowles has run the hurdles in 15 flat without any petition, and Rhynes is one of best 220 men on the coast

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